

## REMARKS

The Examiner has mailed a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.121 to the undersigned attorney for Applicant. According to the Examiner, the drawings were not properly identified in the top margin as "Replacement Sheet" as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.121(d). In addition, it is the Examiner's contention that a complete listing of all of the claims must be presented, even though no amendment was provided for the claims. In particular, the Examiner requires a listing of the claims with the appropriate status of each claim modified.

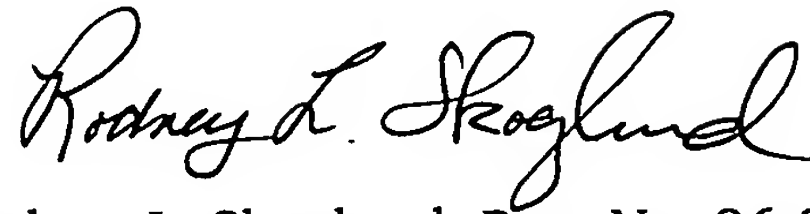
In conjunction with the Examiner's remarks, the Applicant has now indicated that the three new sheets of drawings are "Replacement Sheets" in the heading or top margin of the drawings. In addition, the Applicant has provided a listing of claims showing the status of each claim.

To that end, the undersigned notes that the Examiner contacted him on November 28, 2005 via telephone to discuss the claims of the application and to provide a different restriction than the one previously provided. Upon reconsideration, the Examiner removed the election of species requirement and has now provided a restriction requirement between Group I, claims 1-21 and Group II, claims 22-27. The undersigned elected with traverse and hereby elects with traverse the claims of Group I, claims 1-21. Thus, for purposes of responding to this Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, the Applicant has set forth the listing of the claims as "previously presented" or "withdrawn" based upon this new restriction requirement.

The restriction requirement is traversed on the grounds that the withdrawn claims 22-27 may eventually be subject to rejoinder if amendments are made or deemed necessary by the Applicant.

In light of the foregoing remarks, amended drawings, and listing of the claims, the Applicant, through his attorney, believes this amendment is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.121. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited for claims 1-27. Should the Examiner care to discuss any of the foregoing, the undersigned attorney would welcome a telephone call.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Rodney L. Skoglund". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'R' and 'S'.

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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached three (3) sheets of drawings include changes to Figures 3, 5 and 7B. These three sheets, which include Figures 3, 5, 7A and 7B, replace the original sheets including Figures 3, 5, 7A and 7B, and are labeled as replacement sheets. In Figures 3, 5, and 7B, these figures have been labeled PRIOR ART.

Attachments: Three (3) Replacement Sheets